

STATEMENT-II

List of Public Sector Undertakings shifted out of Delhi

Ministry of Water Resources

- (a) National Project Construction Ltd. renamed as Rashtriya Priyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd.

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

- (a) Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd
(b) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

- (a) Indo Burman Petroleum Co. Ltd.

Sewerage Schemes in Coastal Towns

1730. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have called for the status and proposals of the sewerage treatment facilities from the selected towns along the coastal belt;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Kerala had submitted any proposals for the same; and

(c) if so, the present status of the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Kerala had forwarded a preliminary status report of sewerage scheme in 10 coastal cities for exploring the possibility of external funding from the Global Environment Facility through the Ministry of Environment & Forests/Department of Ocean Development. The external funding has not materialised so far.

Treatment of Sewage

1731. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any project for the treatment of sewage-sludge through Gamma Irradiation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the estimated cost and the places where it is proposed to be commissioned and the capacity of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Ministry of Environment & Forests had carried out a study for disinfection of sewage sludge using gama irradiation

in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Centre, at Baroda in 1993-94. Due to limitation on source materials, high capital and operation costs of the plants, the technology has not been found to be economically viable.

[Translation]

Scientific Research

1732. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's contribution in Global Scientific Researches is declining;

(b) if so, the details thereof in past 15 years;

(c) whether according to international science magazine India's position has reached from 8th to 15th place in scientific researches; and

(d) if so, the incentives being offered to scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). No Sir. There are diverse parameters to measure the contribution of national scientific research to the global effort. One such measure is the number of patents granted in USA to the nationals of a country, by this count India's performance improved significantly. As compared to 9 patents granted in 1981, the number granted in 1995 was 38, a fourfold increase. Increasingly, that patents are being considered as a more reliable yardstick for a country's scientific output. India's declining position in research has been alleged in a letter to the Editor of the journal 'Nature' on the basis of the publication count of papers in journals covered by the Science Citation Index (SCI). As no information has been given in the letter regarding the compatibility to parameters such as number of journals, subjects, etc. used for making the comparison, the claims cannot be substantiated.

(d) The Government is encouraging publicly funded organisation such as, CSIR, ICAR and ICMR to share with their scientists financial returns realised from their researches.

[English]

Deep Sea Fishing

1733. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to ban deep sea fishing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of persons involved in deep sea fishing?

THE MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Allotment of Kerosene

1734. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total quota of kerosene allotted to the state of Goa per month;

(b) the portion of this quota sold on ration cards;

(c) the portion sold in the open market; and

(d) the rate fixed by the Government for sale of kerosene in fair price shops and open market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU):

(a) The monthly quota of kerosene for the State of Goa during 1996-97 is 2306 MTs.

(b) and (c). The Central Government makes bulk allocation of kerosene to States/UTs. Its retail distribution within the State is the responsibility of the State Government. The kerosene allocated by the Central Government is not meant for sale in the open market.

(d) The State Government fixes the price of kerosene to be sold through fair price shops and to industries. The ex-storage prices of domestic and industrial kerosene charged by oil companies exclusive of excise duty as on date are as under :-

Domestic Kerosene	-	Rs.2001.40 per KL
Industrial Kerosene	-	Rs.6518.63 per KL

Under the Parallal marketing Scheme, private parties are allowed to import and market kerosene at market-determined prices.

Crude Production

1735. SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have requested the Union Government for additional grant of Rs.100 crore for production cost of crude oil;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon so far;

(c) whether similar proposals have been received from the other crude oil and gas producing States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1736. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the progress of major-Centrally sponsored projects under execution;

(b) if so, the original estimated cost and date of completion and the latest estimates of cost and date of completion, Project-wise;

(c) the financial loss involved, project-wise, including the loss due to non-completion in time; and

(d) steps taken to identify the reasons for the delay and to expedite the execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government have been regularly monitoring the progress of Central sector projects. The project-wise original estimated cost and date of completion and latest estimated cost and date of commissioning are given in the quarterly Project Implementation Status Report for the quarter ending January-March, 1996. A copy of the report is available in the Parliament library.

(c) Delay in the execution of the projects ultimately results in delay in benefits likely to accrue from the project and the consequential losses in various sectors of economy. It would not be possible to quantify the financial losses with any degree of precision from the delayed projects.

(d) Projects faced various types of problems resulting in time and cost overruns. List of various factors leading to time and cost overrun is enclosed (*Statement No.I*). Measures being taken by the Government vary from project to project and time to time. Measures generally taken to improve the pace of implementation are enclosed (*Statement No.II*). As a result of various measures being taken by the Government to check time and cost overrun, the projects sanctioned in the recent past are expected to face less problems in implementation.

STATEMENT-I

The various causes for delay in the completion of projects, identified by the DPI, as a result of monitoring and analysis of the reports received from project authorities, can be summed up as follows:

- I. Delay in land acquisition.
- II. Delay in obtaining clearance from forest/environment angle and lack of advance action for development of infrastructure.
- III. Inadequate project preparation.